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TAGS: BEXP, ETRD, JA
SUBJECT: TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE/TRADE STUDY GROUP:
REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN JAPANESE TAX POLICY ON AUTOMOBILES

REF: TOKYO 11857

1. PAPER DEVELOPED BY U.S. INDUSTRY SIDE OF AUTOMOTIVE
TRADE STUDY GROUP ON AUTOMOBILES REQUESTS GOJ REMOVE (A)
DIFFERENTIAL COMMODITY TAX (20 PCT VS 15 PCT) ON
AUTOMOBILES WITH ENGINES EXCEEDING 2,000 CC,
WHEEL BASE OVER 270 CM, OR WIDTH GREATER THAN 170 CM;
AND (B) DIFFERENTIAL ROAD TAX, BASED ON SAME CRITERIA,
WHICH IS MORE THAN DOUBLE TAX APPLIED ON SMALLER VEHICLES.

2. EMBASSY WONDERS IF IT IS CONSISTENT WITH U.S. POLICY
IN OTHER FORUMS (IEA, GATT, MTN) TO SEEM TO BE CALLING
FOR CHANGE IN TAX POLICY THAT DISCRIMINATES AGAINST
LARGE (GAS GUZZLING) AUTOS AND WHETHER WE SHOULD SUPPORT
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AUTO INDUSTRY REQUEST. WE UNDERSTAND THAT GOJ TAX WAS
NOTIFIED TO GATT AS NTM. PLEASE ADVISE. MANSFIELD

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